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FROM:

Michael Chertoff

SUBJECT:

Pre-designated Principal Federal Officials, Deputy
Principal Federal Officials and Federal Coordinating
Officers for 2007 Hurricane Season

Given the very real threat that the United States may experience a severe weather event during the 2007 Hurricane Season, we must work together to prepare for the unique challenges such an event would bring. As I did last year, as a preparedness measure, I have created pre-designated

teams that consist of a Principal Federal Official (PFO), a Deputy PFO, and a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO). A number of the officials should be familiar to you as they served on the PFO teams last hurricane season.

While the PFO, Deputy PFO, and FCO have distinct responsibilities, they work in tandem as part of the Unified Coordination Group within the Joint Field Office to determine requirements and set unified objectives and priorities in partnership with the affected State(s). The PFO is my representative in the field and assists me in executing my HSPD-5 domestic incident management responsibilities by ensuring smooth coordination among the other senior officials involved in incident management activities. The Deputy PFO supports the PFO in the execution of his/her responsibilities and may assume specific duties as delegated. The FCO is appointed by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and works under authorities granted by the Stafford Act. The FCO is responsible for the commitment and coordination of Federal resources in support of State, tribal, and local authorities.

To provide the necessary skills and experience for these important positions, I have pre-designated the following officials from FEMA, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the United States Secret Service (USSS), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to lead each team:

Geographic Area	Principal Federal Official	Deputy Principal Federal Official	Federal Coordinating Officer
Northeast (New York, New Jersey, New England) ¹ Note – Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are a sub-region of the Northeast based on FEMA Regions	George Naccara Federal Security Director TSA Boston, Massachusetts	Steven Woodard Deputy Assistant Director for Government and Public Affairs USSS	Philip Parr II FCO FEMA Region I
Mid-Atlantic (Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania)	RDML Cynthia Coogan USCG	CAPT Marcus Woodring USCG	Tom Davies FCO FEMA Region III

¹ **Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands PFO:** RDML Mary Landry, USCG; **Deputy PFO:** Alex De La Campa, Director FEMA Region II, Caribbean Area Division; **FCO:** Justo Hernandez, FCO FEMA Region II.

Florida	Nancy Ward Regional Administrator FEMA Region IX	CAPT Cari Thomas USCG	Glen Sachtleben FCO FEMA Region IV
Gulf Coast (Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana)	Gil Jamieson FEMA	CAPT Richard Sullivan USCG	James “Nick” Russo FCO FEMA Region I
Texas	RADM Timothy Sullivan USCG	Jerry P. Patton Special Agent in Charge TSA/FAMS Dallas, Texas	Ken Clark FCO FEMA Region VI

Should you have any questions or comments regarding these pre-designations, please contact Tina Gabbrielli, Acting Director, Office of Risk Management and Analysis, National Protection and Programs Directorate, at 202-282-8582 or tina.gabbrielli@dhs.gov.

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